

Committee Meetings

RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD LAND USE BIOMASS PROVISIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy and Research held a hearing to review the impact of the indirect land use and renewable biomass provisions in the renewable fuel standard. Testimony was heard from Joe Glauber, Chief Economist, USDA; Margo T. Oge, Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, EPA; Michael Pechart, Deputy Secretary, Marketing and Economic Development, Department of Agriculture, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the House of Representatives Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the House of Representatives: Dan Beard, Chief Administrative Officer; Loraine C. Miller, Clerk; and Bill Livingood, Sergeant-at-Arms.

ARMY, NAVY/MARINE CORPS BUDGETS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Army Budget. Testimony was heard from GEN George W. Casey, Jr., USA, Army Chief of Staff.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Navy/Marine Corps Budget. Testimony was heard from ADM Gary Roughhead, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and GEN James T. Conway, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

HIGH RISK AREA ACQUISITION REFORM; U.S. STRATEGIC POSTURE REPORT

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Department of Defense at High Risk: The Chief Management Officer's Recommendations for Acquisition Reform and Related High Risk Areas. Testimony was heard from William Lynn, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense.

The Committee also held a hearing on the report of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States: William J. Perry, Chairman; and James R. Schlesinger, Vice Chairman.

GREEN PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2187, 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act.

PREVENTING LOAN MODIFICATION/FORECLOSURE FRAUD

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Legislative Solutions for Preventing Loan Modification and Foreclosure Rescue Fraud." Testimony was heard from James Freis, Jr., Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury; Peggy Twohig, Associate Director, Division of Financial Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Martha Coakley, Attorney General, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

SWINE FLU OUTBREAK

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on Global Health Emergencies Hit Home: The Swine Flu Outbreak. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Anthony Fauci, M.D. Director, National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases, NIH; and RADM Anne Schuchat, M.D., USN, Interim Deputy Director, Science and Public Health Program, Center for Disease Control and Prevention; and Dennis Carroll, M.D., Special Advisor to the Acting Administrator on Pandemic Influenza, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State.

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2200, Transportation Security Administration Authorization Act.

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS RENOVATIONS

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on Necessary Renovations to House Office Buildings. Testimony was heard from Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; and Terrell G. Dean, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

U.S./MEXICO DRUG TRADE VIOLENCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Escalating Violence in Mexico and the Southwest Border as a Result of the Illicit Drug Trade. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Stuart G. Nash, Associate Deputy Attorney General, and Director, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces; and William

J. Hoover, Acting Deputy Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Salvador Nieto, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Intelligence and Operations Coordination, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; Janice Ayala, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Anthony Placido, Assistant Administrator, Intelligence, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2812, Enhanced Oversight of State and Local Economic Recovery Act; H.R. 885, amended, Improved Financial and Commodity Markets Oversight and Accountability Act; H.R. 626, Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2009; H. Con. Res. 84, Supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month; H. Res. 356, Supporting support for the designation of February 8, 2010, as the “Boys Scouts of America Day,” in celebration of the Nation’s largest youth scouting organization’s 100th anniversary; H. Res. 370, amended, Expressing support for designation of April 27, 2009, as “National Healthy Schools Day;” H. Res. 388, Celebrating the role of mothers in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of Mother’s Day; H.R. 1817, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 North West Street in Somerville, Tennessee, as the “John S. Wilder Post Office Building;” H.R. 2090, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 State Street in Ogdensburg, New York, as the “Frederic Remington Post Office Building;” H.R. 2162, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 11th Avenue South in Nampa, Idaho, as the “Herbert A. Littleton Postal Station;” H.R. 2173, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1009 Crystal Road in Island Falls, Maine, as the “Carl B. Smith Post Office;” and H.R. 2174, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service, located at 18 Main Street in Howland, Maine, as the “Clyde Hichborn Post Office.”

MORTGAGE REFORM AND ANTI-PREDATORY LENDING ACT

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–4, a structured rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 1728, the “Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act.” The rule provides that no general debate shall be in order. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial

Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Perlmutter, Polis, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Dahlkemper, Titus, Bachus, Manzullo, Gary G. Miller of California, Garrett, Sessions, and Mario Diaz-Balart of Florida.

REAUTHORIZE AND MODERNIZE SBA’S ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Legislation to Reauthorize and Modernize SBA’s Entrepreneurial Development Programs.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VETERANS’ MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 23, amended, Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2009; H.R. 466, amended, Wounded Veteran Job Security Act; H.R. 1088, Mandatory Veteran Specialist Training Act of 2009; H.R. 1089, amended, Veterans Employment Rights Realignment Act of 2009; and H.R. 1170, amended, To amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adopted housing.

HEALTH REFORM IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing to welcome the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and to continue hearings on Health Reform in the 21st Century, Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

RUSSIA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Russia.

Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Krysta Harden, of Virginia, and Pearlie S. Reed, of Arkansas, both to be an Assistant Secretary, Rajiv J. Shah, of Washington, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary for Rural Development, all of the Department of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold an oversight hearing to examine funding of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the 2009 H1N1 virus, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and the Office of Compliance, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the report of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine strengthening the Securities and Exchange Commission's enforcement responsibilities, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine a joint staff draft related to cybersecurity and critical electricity infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine net metering, interconnection standards, and other policies that promote the deployment of distributed generation to improve grid reliability, increase clean energy deployment, enable consumer choice, and diversify our nation's energy supply, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nominations of Mathy Stanislaus, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Cynthia J. Giles, of Rhode Island, to be Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance, and Michelle DePass, of New York, to be Assistant Administrator for International Affairs, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine auctioning under cap and trade, focusing on design, participation, and distribution of revenues, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Seth David Harris, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Secretary, and M. Patricia Smith, of New York, to be Solicitor, both of the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Margaret A. Hamburg, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine recruitment in the Federal Government, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Larry J. Echo Hawk, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 417, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, S. 257, to amend title 11, United States Code, to disallow certain claims resulting from high cost credit debts, S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 327, to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve assistance to domestic and sexual violence victims and provide for technical corrections, and the nominations of William K. Sessions III, of Vermont, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission, and John Morton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the Fiscal Year 2009 Supplemental Appropriations, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, to mark up H.R. 2101, Weapons Acquisition System Reform Through Enhancing Technical Knowledge and Oversight Act of 2009, 12 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Counterinsurgency and Irregular Warfare: Issues and Lessons Learned, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Ensuring Preparedness Against the Flu Virus at School and Work, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, hearing on An Examination of Competition in the Wireless Industry, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Perspectives on Hedge Fund Registration," 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.